comparison to 400 in 2001. The number of such cases further came down to 312 in 2003.

(b) The number of cases of dowry deaths reported during 2001 -2003 are as under:

Year	Number of cases
2001	6851
2002	6822
2003	6208

(c) It depends on case to case.

(d) to (f) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. The direct responsibility for implementing the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, including registration and investigation of the cases of dowry related offences, is that of State Governments.

Clashes between para-military personnel and train passengers

†1611. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the constantly increasing incidents of clashes between personnel of para-military forces and other passengers in trains;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during the fast one year; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL):

(a) and (b) during the last one year, 4 cases involving BSF and CISF personnel in clashes with other train passengers have been reported.

(c) Necessary instructions have been issued to educate the Force personnel to conduct themselves in **a** civil and disciplined manner.

Paucity of storage capacity for relief material

1612. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that organizations, such as Municipal Corporation of Delhi, collecting relief material like blankets, tents, clothing, etc., for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Tsunami victims refused to accept the same due to paucity of storage capacity;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider creation of buffer capac ity stores in each State/UT where donors could give material from time to time to meet the requirement of any natural disaster/calamity immediately in future; and

(c) how the surplus material now collected is proposed to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The essential relief material like blankets, tents, clothing etc. was mobilized and sent to the Tsunami affected areas promptly, as per the requirements identified in consultation with the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. No reports have been received in this Ministry with regard to the mobilization of the required material having been hampered due to paucity of storage space. However, keeping in view the need for advance planning to meet such constraints which could arise following a natural calamity, the State Governments have been advised to draw up Disaster Management Plans at the State/District level. These Plans would *inter-alia* take into consideration the requirement with regard to storage facilities for essential relief supplies and other resources needed for disaster response. The State have also been advised to enter into pre-contracts with suppliers to ensure expeditious supply of relief material as and when required so that the need for standing arrangements for storage and maintenance of relief materials by the Departments/agencies concerned with disaster response can be minimized.

(c) No reports have been received by this Ministry about collection of surplus material.

Sexual exploitation of women in jails

1613. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has called for a factual report from the Uttaranchal Government about the women prisoner being sexually exploited in the Hardwar District jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and